



**CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**United States Makes \$250,000 Voluntary Contribution to the COE's Budapest Convention
on Cybercrime**

The United States Permanent Observer Mission to the Council of Europe (COE) is pleased to announce that the United States Department of State, through its Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), has decided to voluntarily provide \$250,000 to the Council of Europe (COE) to help them assist developing nations join the COE Convention on Cybercrime (Budapest Convention).

The Budapest Convention is presently the only comprehensive universal instrument on cybercrime. The U.S. was among the original signatories and takes every opportunity to urge broad global accession to the Convention.

The COE is uniquely placed to utilize this funding since they provide training to nations in the accession process and manage meetings of the convention parties such as the "Octopus" annual cybercrime workshop. U.S. funds will promote full access and participation by developing nations in these activities.

The United States deeply values our strong partnership with the Council of Europe in fighting cybercrime and anticipates this assistance will materially advance this important work.